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Par. (c) (1) of section 311 will amend the first section of the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 806) as amended, (5 USC 73 b-1) to continue the present limitation of 7,000 lbs. uncrated on the shipment of household effects of civilian employees but will eliminate the unrealistic 3,750 lb limitation on crated shipments. Overseas packing and crating increases the weight of shipments approximately 90%. The limitation on crated shipments has the effect of reducing the net weight limitation on the shipment of household effects to something under 4,000 lbs. This provision will insure a reasonable and appropriate limitation and will permit employees going overseas to ship up to the same amount of household goods which they would be authorized to have transported in connection with transfers inside the United States.

Par. (c) (2) of section 311 will further amend the first section of the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946 as amended, to permit the storage at Government expense of household goods and personal effects of employees who are assigned to permanent duty stations outside the continental United States whenever it is determined that they can not take household effects to such overseas posts or they are unable to use such household effects at the overseas post. It will also permit the head of the department concerned to authorize such storage in lieu of shipment for reasons of economy. The storage of household effects will be in accordance with regulations to be prescribed by the President and the weight of such effects which may be stored at Government expense shall be subject to the same maximum weight limitations governing the shipment of household effects.

Par. (d) of section 311 clarifies the meanings of various terms applied to furniture, household effects and personal effects which appear in the Foreign Service Act of 1946, as amended, the Central Intelligence Act of 1949, as amended, and in the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946, as amended, to insure

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that these terms are interpreted consistently in accordance with the intent of this bill.

Section 331 will amend the first section of the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 806 as amended) (5 USC 73 d-1). By adding a new subsection which will permit the transportation of the privately-owned vehicle of ^athe civilian employee assigned to a post of duty outside the continental United States. The transportation of such motor vehicle will not be authorized except when it is determined by the head of the department concerned to be in the interest of the Government for such employee to have the use of the motor vehicle at his post of duty. This new subsection will also permit the transportation overseas of a replacement vehicle when a determination is made by the head of the department that such replacement is necessary for reasons beyond the control of the employee and in the interest of the Government. This replacement provision would be expected to be used only in such cases as the loss of the vehicle through fire, theft or other such reasons. This new subsection would also authorize the transportation of a replacement vehicle after four years. Transportation of such vehicles could be authorized by commercial means if available at reasonable rates, or by Government means on a space available basis.